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1. OUR BASIC POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THAT
STATED EARLIER REFTEL (B). HOWEVER, WE DO AGREE TO
ENCLOSING THE OPEN CRAWLSPACE UNDER THE PAVILION. THAT
PORTION OF REFTEL (C) IS AUTHORIZED. EMBASSY'S ALLOTMENT
XJ-3313, CODE 212, IS INCREASED DOLS. 580.

2. THE REQUEST FOR SMOKE SENSORS REFTEL (C) IS A MORE
ROUTINE SAFETY MEASURE THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON ITS
OWN MERIT AND NOT WITH ANTI-TERRORISM ITEMS. WE WILL,
THEREFORE, AUTHORIZE THIS AS A REGULAR MINOR IMPROVEMENT.
EMBASSY'S ALLOTMENT XJ-4313, CODE 220, IS INCREASED
DOLS. 370.

3. ALLOTMENT DOCUMENT FOR BOTH INCREASES FOLLOWS.

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4. REFUSAL OF THE REQUEST TO HOOK UP THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR SHOULD, PERHAPS, BE MORE CAREFULLY EXPLAINED.

AT 150 KW MAXIMUM, AND 105 KW SUSTAINED OUTPUT, THIS UNIT IS FAR TOO LARGE FOR A SINGLE RESIDENCE. IN FACT, EVERY LIGHT AND APPLIANCE IN THE HOUSE COULD BE TURNED ON SIMULTANEOUSLY AND STILL NOT REQUIRE THE MACHINE TO GO MUCH BEYOND IDLE SPEED. WHILE WE AGREE TO THE IDEA OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY POWER CAPABILITY FOR THE ER, AND PERHAPS THE TWO ADJACENT HOUSES AS WELL, THIS CAN BE DONE MORE ECONOMICALLY WITH A SMALLER GENERATOR. THE LARGE GENERATOR CAN BE USED, AND APPRECIATED, BY SOME OTHER POST WITH MORE CRITICAL NEEDS. WE ARE CURRENTLY MAKING A WORLD-WIDE REVIEW OF GENERATOR NEEDS AND WILL SHORTLY HAVE MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THAT RATHER LARGE GENERATOR IN YOUR GARAGE.

5. AS A FINAL ITEM, IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED THAT LAND PURCHASES HAVE, SO FAR, BEEN CONSISTENTLY EXCLUDED FROM COUNTER-TERRORISM PLANS. A SECURE FENCE ALONG OUR PROPERTY LINE WOULD PROVIDE A REASONABLE DEGREE OF SAFETY - BUT WE HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS ABOUT THE FENCE(S) PROPOSED IN REFTEL (D), AND SUCH RESIDENTIAL SECURITY PROJECTS ARE STILL NOT REACHABLE ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES.

6. WE KNOW THAT TSO WHITE MADE HIS OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE LOCATION OF EXISTING FENCES, BUT FBO HAS HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE WITH INCORRECTLY PLACED FENCES AND MISLOCATED BUILDINGS TO MAKE US WARY OF RELYING ON EXISTING APPURTENANCES FOR BOUNDARY ESTIMATES. AFTER PERUSING THE 1966 BOUNDARY SURVEY IT WOULD APPEAR THAT OUR PROPERTY LINE SKIRTS THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THE PAVILION (AT LEAST AS IT EXISTED IN 1966) WITH SUFFICIENT ROOM TO ALLOW AT LEAST A FENCE AND PERHAPS A SMALL PASSAGEWAY BETWEEN. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MEASURE THE LOCATION OF THE PAVILION AND THE PROPERTY LINE, AND PRODUCE AN ACCURATE DRAWING TO BE CERTAIN. PLEASE OBTAIN ESTIMATES FOR HIRING A COMPETENT SURVEYOR, AND REQUEST THE FUNDS FROM FBO.

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7. AFTER LOOKING AT THE IRREGULAR SHAPE OF THE PROPERTY LINE, THE REPORTED OFFER OF THE NEIGHBOR TO SELL TEN FEET OF PROPERTY ALONG OUR COMMON BOUNDARY, REFTEL (E), REQUIRES SOME CLARIFICATION. IT ALSO OCCURS TO US, THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE DISCUSSING WITH THE NEIGHBOR THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING A PORTION OF OUR PROPERTY THAT PROTRUDES INTO HIS YARD, FOR A STRIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO

THE PAVILION. THIS WOULD NEATLY SOLVE THE SECURITY PROBLEM FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW; WOULD STRAIGHTEN UP THE BOUNDARY LINES, MAKING THEM EASIER TO FENCE AND MAINTAIN VISUAL CONTROL OVER; AND AS LONG AS NO ADDITIONAL CASH

PAYMENT IS INVOLVED, IS SOMETHING FBO HAS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE IMMEDIATELY. SUCH NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE CARRIED OUT IN GENERAL TERMS BEFORE ANY BOUNDARY SURVEYS ARE AUTHORIZED OR MADE, AND IF AGREED TO, FBO WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO COVER ALL NECESSARY FEES FOR ESTABLISHING AND RECORDING NEW BOUNDARIES.

8. THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS AND COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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